

Remarks

The specification of the above-captioned application was amended to cross-reference applications relied upon for priority. Minor amendments were made to claims 1, 4, 11, 12, 15 and 16 to clarify the nature of the subject matter being claimed. Support for new claims 17 and 18 may be found in cancelled original claims 5 and 14. The amendments do not add new matter to the application and their entry is therefore respectfully requested.

Conclusion

In view of the amendments and remarks above, it is believed that the present application is now in condition for substantive review. If, in the opinion of the Examiner, a phone call may help to expedite the prosecution of this case, the Examiner is invited to call Applicants' undersigned attorney at (202) 419-7013.

Respectfully submitted,

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